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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Request for Waiver of the Replication/Maximization Interference
Protection Deadline
WVLA-DT, Baton Rouge, LA (FIN: 70021)
MB Docket No. 03-15**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter, Knight Broadcasting of Baton Rouge License Corp., the permittee of WVLA-DT ("WVLA"), hereby requests a temporary six-month extension and waiver of the July 1, 2005 replication/maximization interference protection deadline. *See* Public Notice, DA 05-1636 (June 15, 2005). As discussed in detail below, a waiver is warranted here because the delay in full-power operations has resulted from circumstances beyond the licensee's control and because the public interest would be served. The station is presently operating at low power pursuant to an STA, File No. BEDSTA-20041123AWE, and has a pending request filed June 16, 2005 to extend the duration of the STA for six-months.

WVLA placed a purchase order for the station's digital antenna in December 2004, which should have provided sufficient time for delivery and installation of the equipment by July 1, 2005. However, the tower owner, Global Communications, required that the antenna be redesigned. The antenna manufacturer, Electronics Research, Inc., stopped work on the original antenna and was able to proceed only after subsequent revisions to the antenna design. The delays caused by the tower owner resulted in the manufacturer putting the antenna purchase order in the back of the production queue. The redesigned antenna is now slated for delivery by July 14, 2005.

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WVLA placed a purchase order for the digital transmitter with Acrodyne Industries, Inc. in February 2005, but a backlog in orders caused a delay in the anticipated delivery date. Attached are letters from the manufacturers confirming the estimated delivery dates. WVLA anticipates that delivery and installation of both the antenna and transmitter will be completed by August 1, 2005, barring any inclement weather, but is requesting a six-month extension out of an abundance of caution.

For the above reasons, WVLA submits that good cause exists to grant this waiver request. *See, e.g., Digital Television Construction Deadline*, 16 FCC Rcd 8122, at ¶ 11 (2001) (manufacturing backlog, unexpected work stoppages, and unexpected changes in proposed facilities are circumstances beyond a licensee's control, warranting the extension of DTV construction deadlines). Moreover, given the anticipated brevity of the delay and the importance of ensuring that viewers receive over-the-air digital signals, the public interest would be served by granting WVLA the additional time to comply with the replication/maximization deadline.

If there are any questions concerning this request, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

/s/
Kathryn R. Schmeltzer
Tony Lin
*Counsel for Knight Broadcasting of Baton
Rouge License Corp.*

Attachments

cc: (w/attachments)
Shaun Maher (by hand delivery)

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Dear Mr. Sanderford,

This is to confirm the shipping and deliver date of the QXD1 UHF DTV transmitter that you purchased for WVLA-DT and we are manufacturing on Acrodyne sales order number 25113 are as followings:

Shipping Date: June 28, 2005
Deliver Date: July 5, 2005

If I can be of any assistance in the future please call or fax.

Best Regards,
Daniel Traynor,
Director of Contracts

17 June 2005

Marsand, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Sanderford,

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the new shipping dates for Marsand, Inc. We experienced delays in both the manufacturing and tuning of your antennas. We realize that you time constraints to be on-air by July 1st of this year, but regret to inform you that the ship dates are as follows:

Station	Delivery
CH 44/45 Evansville, IN (WEVV)	June 27, 2005
CH 33/34 Baton Rouge, LA (WVLA)	July 14, 2005
CH 44/45 Baton Rouge, LA (WGMB)	July 16, 2005

We will do the best we can to expedite these shipments.

Sincerely,

Shawn Knotts
Project Manager
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